# THE TIMES DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE

## Do You Take FEMININE FOIBLES Leap Year Seriously?

Maybe You Do and Maybe You Den't, But the Best Advice Is in the Affirmative-The Majority of Women Make Good Use of Leap Year-They May Not Exactly Leap, But They Do a Very Good Imitation.

TNCE it is to be supposed that this here column is read indiscriminately by men and by women. two sets of advice must be given. men we would say: If you don't take leap year seriously, look out. It is the most insidious, malicious, subtle institution in this wide world.

To women we would say: Take leap year seriously, but don't let anyone know it. Then you can hog-throw and tle your quarry without any difficulty. and he will spend the rest of his life telling how it was all HIS fault

In the first place, the most unattractive. angular, wise damsels are the ones to whom cap year is a boon. By the most subtle, silly, simple hints. and foxy, deceiving methods they in-trude upon the wily bachelor, and, under the guise of fun, suggest marriage

They, being the hunters, are PRE-PARED, and have all of their ammunition packed away for a year's siege. They invite, with perfect impunity, to the dance, the card party, and the "little social evening at home

Oh, my dear brothers! If you would only heed this word of

Take leap year seriously. Perhaps, an could you peek into the home of Nellie Simpkins, just prior to the time when you are supposed to call

for her for the purpose of escorting her to a dance, you would be horrified. Think not in your heart that you can get away with just stopping for a moent. An escort is as much in danger as a visitor. For here are a few of the hings she does beforehand.

How She Gets You. She lights the gas AND TURNS IT

SHE puts enticing music on the vic-

She tells her father and mother and brothers and sisters that she will WAKE THEM up when she gets home and

She powders the back of her neck and puts a little faint perfume there.

her on with her coat. And like a big boob, who doesn't believe in taking Leap Year seriously, you do it. The faint perfume from her neck hits your nos trils. It is white there, and may hap little curls play innocently about. (The back of almost any woman's neck is pretty e'en though she have a face like

You lean over, you implant a chaste kiss of adoration there, and she either whirls around and says "SIR!" Oh else she melts right on back into your arms and says:

"Oh this is so sudden!"

Which is the female for, "I've got you nailed!"



#### Advice To. Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE.

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Dear Annie Laurie—There is a young man whom I have been out with several times, although I have not been acquainted with him more than two months. One night he made an engagement with me and broke it. He gave me an excuse, but I have since found that he did this so that he could go out with another girl. The next time I saw him I told him what I thought of it Since then I have not been asked to make another engagement with him. I have only seen him a few times since, and we have just spoken at these times. Please advise me what to do, as I have not been easy since then.

C. D. H.

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D RAY, don't worry over that young man any more. C. D. H. He is very evidently displeased that you should have hought fit to question his actions, a thing you were justified in doing Let things go along the way they

Let thinks go along the way they are. There is nothing for you to feel sorry for, nothing for which you owe him an apology. If he sees the error of his ways and decides to resume his friendship with you again, be rather chary about allowing him to call. It's no small matter for a man to break an engagement with a girl, and he should be made to see it.

Copy't, 1916, by Newspaper Feature Service) Miss Laurie will welcome letters of inquiry on subjects of interess from readers of this paper, and will reply to them in these columns. They should be addressed to her, care of this office.

## What They Say About Us

Pertinent Interests of Women As Viewed By Editorial Writers of the Newspapers.

WHY YOU NEVER CAN TELL FOR WHOM A SMILE IS MEANT.

The School Fire Drill.

The death of a pupil in Brooklyn the other day from pneumonia contracted as a result of a fire drill without wraps has prompted a suggestion that provision be made for definite official drills with clothing. Formerly when each principal was allowed to devise his own system of drills he arranged them to suit the neighborhood and the conditions of his school. Then there were drills with or without clothing, according to the weather.

A year ago the fire drill in the public schools was standaridized, and the three-bell signal prescribed was designated to mear. "Immediate fire drill; pupils to go to street in charge of teachers without delay for books, wraps, or for other causes."

It pointed out that as the drill without wraps is the only standard one way arrichels. The School Fire Drill.

without wraps is the only standard one many principals are tempted to stretch a point very far before they will vary it. As a result children are often sent into the street when the weather conditions make the sudden change from warm classrooms into the open air dangerous to health. Apart from this phase of the question, permitting children to put on their wraps before the signal is sounded tends to detract in no small measure from the value of the drill. without wraps is the only standard

small measure from the value of the drill.

Fire drills are so frequent that it is fair to assume that the great majority of children apprehend no danger when the signal is sounded. They are not positive, of course, that there is no fire when they are called upon to march out of the building without their street clothes, but drilling chiefly in favorable weather helps to strengthen their suspicion that the drill is a perfunctory one, while giving them an opportunity to dreas before the bell is sounded absolutely confirms it. To have the drills under all sorts of weather conditions and with and without street clothing would greatly add to their usefulness.—New York Globe r Commercial Advertiser.

Suicides of Little Children. What is it that causes or occa-sions suicide by little children in our curious city civilization? The question raised by the self-slaughter of a boy of eleven in Newark is em-phasized by the story of the death of little Sadie Ostroff, aged twelve. of Manhattan. The boy had the toothache. The girl, who threw herself out of a fifth-story window, had threatened to kill herself because she had not been promoted in the public school she attended.

Neither dire poverty, cold, nor starvation entered into these cases. Nor did morbidness come from the reverse condition of over-pampering, over-feeding, "softening" of children.

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When tragedy comes, it comes largely because of lack of confidence between the child and the child's natural guardians. The reserve of childhood, the reticence of childhood, only yields to real deep sympathy, and parents are often too busy with other matters to show, even if they feel, such sympathy. The boy who talks to his papa about a toothache, the girl who tells her mamma all about her school disappointments does nothing rash. The counsel the boy or girl gets is based on that perspective which the young child has yet to develop. has yet to develop.

There is one phase of our city life

that must have had an effect in fa-miliarising the young children with the idea of suicide, with the idea of a non-natural death. Tragedy and crime are parts of human life. Art in motion pictures as on the real stage cannot isnore them. But to the child mind they are accentuated beyond their real prevalence or importance through the films. It lends on hasis to the plea made even by those interested in the motion pictures, that film shows specially adapted to the child mind should be made commonly accessible. Few things are sadder than the self-ending of a young life, just because for the moment that life has become a bit uncomfortable.—Brooklyn Datly Engle.

Spanish War Widows.

This country has suffered severely by service and widows' pensions and by gross and frequently winked-at fraud in obtaining them. Recovery from that will not be complete for many years yet. Small as the number of pensioners will be, there should not be now a renewal of the evils on behalf of the soldiers and widows and orphans of soldiers of the Spanish-American war.—Nash-ville Tennesseean. This country has suffered severely

#### Three Minute Journeys

By TEMPLE MANNING.

world over. Not only on this continent, where the little red ant-"monomorium pharonis"infests the places where food is kept. but in nearly every other land as well there are ants that trouble the housekeeper quite as much. Indeed, in some countries ants are more troublesome than mice or any other household pest. Particularly true is this of the white ant, which makes the house-keeper's life in China full of unhappi-

Let us suppose you were living in Swatow, for instance. Being a newcomer to the town, you would naturally be unable to guard yourself against the pests with the wisdom of the old setnot at tricks the white ant loves to indulge in. consequently you would take only the precautions against those creatures of

against even an invasion of rate during a nigration, is the same difference that lies between fighting an enemy that cannot be seen and one whose presence is plainly thrust upon you. If the rayages of the white ant were evidenced they began their destruction would be a comparatively easy matter. It is the insidious secret method of their work that makes them so troublesome to the housewife in China. (Copy't, 1916, Newspaper Feature Syndicate.)

As to "As'fedity.

A physician says that asafoetida is "a specific for grip." That will surprise many persons. But many others will recall that asafoetida once was more than a cure. It was a preventive.

An authority says that asafoetida is "a stimulant to the sympathetic nervous system, an excellent carminative, and stimulant of unstripped muscle fiber used in hysteria, but in an empirical fashion," and that "its further study is desirable." The same authority says that it is a substance derived from an herb found in Fersia, Turkestan and Afghanistan, and that the product is composed of resin, gum, ethereal oil,

vanillin, and ferulic acid. The list of elements contained sounds interesting and potent. But every one whose grandmother made him wear a little cotton bag of "as'fedity" around By MARGARET MASON.

What ravishing frocks
For wee curiy locks.
Fine feathers for little birds line,
What fetching chapeaux
What stunning manteaux
For little Miss Three-up-to-Nine.

NEW YORK, March II.—They're little,
but oh my! For frocks and frills the
tiny Jilis mount up as enormous bills
as the big gals.

No longer are little sisters content,
with dresses made over out of big sister's or mother's cast-offs. Nowadays,
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## By Annette Bradshaw Left Handedness Is No Symbol of Divi e Wrath Nor Disruption of Nature

By DR. L. K. HIRSHBERG.

Why, then, are mest people right-handed and some left-handed? The answer to this is not wet clear. It has not been definitely traced to the Mende or both. My mother can use either hand, and therefore both sides of her laws of heredity, nor has it been as-

By DR. L. K. HIRSHBERG.

THAT men have been almost, as you might say, by nature right-handed, is attested by Holy Writ. The psalmist, in the 137th psalm, sings: "If I forget thee, O Jerus salem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

By the very nature of inheritance, training, near-memory, instinct, or whatever it may be that enthrones the right hand above the left, the fact remains that more than 30 per cent of the sons of men allow their left hands to become less and less useful.

Why, then, is there an exception to what seems to be a rule? A law of nature is a sequence of events, which under like conditions are always repeated in the same way, without exception. Objects fail to the ground. Birds fly. The sun rises. The earth moves around the sun. Man has the power to reason, though he seldom uses his power.

When single exceptions effer them-

every action of the right portion of your anatomy may make the pathways of the left half of the brain more sensitive, more aggressive, quicker on the trigger, and more susceptible to fast messages from the outside world to the sensory and musquiar tissues.

In fine the left half-brain will be more smooth with a more offer.

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When single exceptions effer themseives to these laws, they are explainable as miracles, as fancies, as errors of observation. If exceptions reach a perceptible Exure—smash goes the law or the abjects. If the sun did not rise tomorrow morning, something better or worse than "a law of nature" would end.

Evidently, from all this it is folly to say that "right-handedness is a provision—or a law—of nature." There are too many perceptible exceptions to the factilious law. When left-handedness appears, it is not the symbol of divine wrath, it is not a disruption of a "law of nature"—that is to say, an exception to a 109 per cent observation of sequences.

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laws of heredity, nor has it been ascribed to the same foggy, illy understood causes that make for sailver on the left side and a heart on the right side. As you know, occasionally—perhaps once in many thousands of human beings—the anatomy is reversed. The stomach, spleen, pancreas and heart are found in the right side, and the liver, appendix and ascending intestine or colon on the left.

Odd to tell, these freaks are not usually left-handed or "right-brained"—the right and left of the brain or central exchanges are exactly alike anatomic. (Copy't, 1918, by Newspaper Feature Service)

#### Answers To Health Questions

C. H.+Will you kindly tell me how to reduce my wais line?

This may be done by daily exercise and also by the use of adhesive plasters, blend hegs and sinusoidal electric current. Avoid all oily, het fatty, greasy and highly seasoned foods, rich dishes, sweets pastries and chocolates.

H. M.—I am troubled with a bad taste in my mouth. I expectorate quite frequently. What will you advise.

Have the adencids and tensils removed if necessary. Keep the bowels
open, cat good nourishing food, drink
a glassful of distilled water every hour,
and a wineglassful of clive oil about
half an hour after meals. Irrigate the
nose and throat three times a day with
skialine antiseptic fluid diluted three
times in water.

which you had heard. Then some day you would start to move a bit of treasured furniture—left for a time in a shed, we'll say, or in a storeroom you seldom visited—and the whole thing would fall to pieces in your hands.

The difference between combating a pest like the white ant and battling against even an invasion of rate during the same and specially. What do you recommend for this?

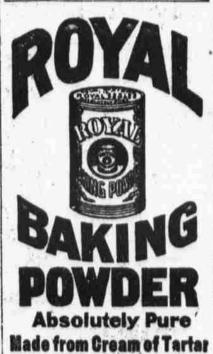
Fee whether the space above the nose in the forchead bone contains mucus and pus If so, have it taken out by a specialist. 2. Take up swimming, duncing and symnasium exer-

M. E. B.—I have "weeping eczema."
What will you advise? 2. I also have a swelling on top of my shoulder about the size of a silver dollar. It seems to be on the bone, and just like the flesh. It is not sore. What will you advise? Apply the following to the affected parts each night: Oil of cade, 1 dram; salicylic acid, 15 grains; glycerine, 14 ounce; lanolin, 15 ounce, 2. Go to a doctor for a careful diagnosis, and have an x-ray picture taken of the swelling. "A stitch in time saves nine."

F. M.-My father has Bright's disease. He has been troubled with same for over five years. His feet and limbs are commencing to swell again, and he is growing very weak. What will you sug-gest? Would you advise change of doc-

There are so many varieties of Bright's disease and each individual has conditions present which differ from the others that it is best to leave your father in the hands of his present doc-

W. F. G-Will you kindly tell me what o do to make my eyebrows longer Massage one dram of capsicum vase



NO ALUM-NO PHOSPHATE

line to an ounce of white vaseline into the eyebrows each night.

M. M. K.—My eyelashes are very thin and light. What will make them grow thick and dark?

Apply white vaseline to the eyelashes each night. M. J. A.—About a year ago brown spots appeared on my husband's chest and between his shoulders; since then they have spread, and it is like one big patch on his back. What would you advise?

Try the following several times a day: Giycerine, I cunce; Violet water, 2 cunces; ammonium chioride, I dram; sodium sulphite, 2 drams; borax, 2 drams; thetica tolu, 2 drams; distilled

water enough to make a pint. Phil-What do you advise for ringing class in the ears?

Apply a little of a salve made of six grains of ammonisted mercury to half an ounce of white vaseline, to the nostriis twice a day. Use the small electric battery in the ears before retiring, and have your adenoids and tonsils removed.

#### PERSONAL ADVICE.

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### Curry, he Eastern Seasoning By MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK.

N THINKING of something new, either in material or seasoning. perhaps we have omitted to conider curry, the seasoning of

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Although unusual in taste, that is it piquancy, as it gives that touch of something different to even an ordinary dish. Those who know tell me that in India every cook makes up his own curry or combination of seasoning. But curry in England and this country has now come to mean a definite combination of seasonings which can be bought under the name of one of the large groups. tne name of one of the large gro-cery houses and which is always the

yellow in hue.

Meats of all kinds can be combined with this spice, but it is particularly suited for mutton, lamb, chicken, and other fowl. Then, to

chicken, and other fowl. Then, to complete it, we need to use rice in preterence to potatoes, as is done by the Orientals. Curry of lamb, of course, is possibly the most familiar, and what we would call an ordinary stew can be made more attractive and appetizing by the addition of a small quantity of this spice.

But let it not be thought that curry is useful only for remnants and leftovers. In India one of the most highly regarded dishes is a curry of chicken. This is what one might call a chicken fricasee, except that the chicken is cut into large dice and seasoned with this spice in a rich cream gravy. Both chopped celery and chopped apples may be added which, if liked, give an additional oddness or a dish more on the order of what we call chicken salad, except taht it is hot.

Both ham and pork also lend themselves to a curry accompaniment which can be used in place of mushrooms. Broiled sausage, which makes such an excellent winter breakfast dish, can be toned up if a pinch of curry is added to the fat

ment which can be used in place of mushrooms. Broiled sausage, which makes such an excellent winter breakfast dish, can be toned up if a pinch of curry is added to the fat and juice escaped in broiling, which is then poured back over the sausage before it is served. A ham baked in the oven with the addition of a little molasses, can also be given a quaint flavor by adding a teaspeonful of curry to the molasses and basting the ham with this from time to time.

As a seasoning for vegetables too, it finds a place, especially such vegetables as cabbage, cauliflower, or Agrassels sprouts, with which it com-

sproats entirely.

The experts say that to make the most satisfactory curry uncooked meat should be used. Omions are invariably added, and if the meat is uncooked, dust slightly with flour and then sauts the pieces until golden brown. Last add the stock and simmer. Always use a wooden spoon to stir, as curry affects the and metal somewhat. To make any curry dish successfully there should be no gravy separate from the meat, but al blended so as to make a rich moistire.

bines particularly well. A most de-licious sauce is made from a cooked or boiled dressing, to which is added chopped parsies and a pinch of curry. Asparagus may be eaten with this, or the sauce may be poured over the sproats entirely.

moisture.

A so-called dry curry is also popular, which is made particularly with shrimp and loister. It is really a form of our familiar a la Newburg except that curry is used for a seasoning and frequently cocoanut or apple added. Lemon pice also is stirred in at the last moment to many curries to give a piquancy which is delightful. Sliced tomatees go well with any curry, or some form of sharp acid vegetable, as the curry in itself is rather thick and somewhat a wete

Novel Ham Curry—One-half small onlon minced, 2 ounces soft, white hambwithsh m.fw mfw mfw mfwyppp bread, one-half cup milk, one cup of chopped ham, two eggs, one teastoonful cach curry and butter.

Fry the minced onion in the butter until brown: ndd the bread and the milk and allew to stand ten minutes after taking from the fire. Then add ham, the yolks of the eggs and the curry powder; hest well, and pour into a buttered bakish dish. At the last, cover with a meringun of the whites of the eggs and serve for breakfast or lunch.

Curried Cauliflower—One head of cauliflower. Darboiled: one sliced onion, one large opple, one cur of milk; salf, repper, curry, lemon inice and Lutter.

Fry the onion and apple in the butter until tender, but not brown. Dredge with flour, scanon with nepper, salt, and lemon fulce. Pour milk on this, season with curry and stir until it boils. Break the cauliflower into small pieces and drog into this sauce simmerins for about ten minutes. Serve cauliflower and sauce torether, and if desired, well drained boiled rice.

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